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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

I don't know how to adequately thank all of the people who are making life with COVID-19 bearable right now. Normally we are honoring teachers this month, but I think we will be honoring teachers every month from here on out, as we should. We are also honoring all first responders, and all health care workers who are being taxed to the limit right now. I want to thank our families in Graham County for keeping things going as they complete school assignments and work creatively to keep kids engaged. So many volunteers are out there doing service big and small. Our building was given masks sewed by the Gila Valley Sewers, and I know dozens if not hundreds of other groups are making them as well. Thank you.

You are very much appreciated.

www.my2020census.gov

Due to COVID-19, door-to-door operations have been delayed until mid-June.

Those with PO boxes will not receive a paper census questionnaire until those door-to-door operations resume.

The census has been extended until the end of October.
In addition to the online option, you may respond over the phone

1-844-330-2020 (English) 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish) Currently, 40% of Graham County has responded to the census. Get counted!

Contact us!

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Closed Fridays

Dates to Remember:

For the most up-to-date announcements regarding COVID-19

please go to:

www.azhealth.gov

We have changed the dates for SEATA! For now, we hope to hold it July 13-16, 2020

Please plan on attending the
**Southeast Arizona Teachers'
Academy—"SEATA"**
July 13—16, 2020 at Eastern Arizona College

**All Graham and Greenlee County educators are invited to attend SEATA
at no cost**

**To meet the needs of our PreK-12 educators, we will have over 100 break-out sessions
focusing on best practices across the curriculum.**

Attendees will earn up to 24 hours of professional development credit.

**SEATA is open to certified educators, early childhood education providers, substitutes and
pre-service educators who will be certified and contracted to teach by August 2020.**

Some of the confirmed session topics include:

Mini-grants are back! Write a grant during SEATA and possibly get funded that week! Arizona
Science Center – Growing up WILD, Project WILD, Step Up Your Game with Coding and STEM
for Kids; Quizlet; Planetarium + Fun Classroom Astronomy Activities; Student STEM Ambassa-
dors; New Social Studies Standards, Personal Finance; Empowering Parents and Teens/Mental
Health Challenges; Special Education Strategies; Classroom Management; Understanding Stress
and Adverse Childhood Experiences; The "Write Way" to Reading" and much, much more!

Keynote Speakers—Morenci teachers with "Get Your Teach On" and more...

**We will be offering over 130 sessions across the curriculum, including
technology integration sessions for all subjects.**

To register, go to: <https://www.graham.az.gov/222/SEATA-Registration>

Everyone attending should complete this process. In early July, you will receive an email
directing you to select the break-out sessions of your choice. Your schedule of sessions will
be provided at SEATA check-in during the week of Monday July 13, 2020 in the Gherald
Hoopes Activity Center at EAC.

Please preregister **now!** *Out of Graham and Greenlee County fees are \$50 per day.

SEATA is brought to you by Graham County School Superintendent Donna McGaughey
and Greenlee County School Superintendent Tom Powers



Arizona Census: What you need to know



Every Arizonan counts

The census counts every person living in Arizona.



Your civic duty

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years.



\$675 billion each year

Distribution of \$675 billion in federal funds is based on each state's population.



\$3,000 per person

It's estimated up to \$3,000 per person, per year is at stake for Arizona.



\$20.5 billion

More than \$20.5 billion annually in federal funding supports critical programs in Arizona.



Arizona's future

Census data gives leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses and planning for our state's future.



Arizona representation

The census is used to redraw legislative districts and determine Arizona's representation in Washington D.C.

Your privacy is protected

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law.



How responses are used

Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, CIA, DHS, ICE. And not by local law enforcement, or state agencies like DES or DCS.



What will be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, gender, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.



What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.



3 ways to respond

Now you can respond to the census online, by phone or by mail.



Count everyone. Everyone.

Newborns. Foster children. Grandparents. Non-relatives. Count every person living or staying in your home.



Where census money goes

Schools, health services, roads, after-school programs, community services and much, much more.

Learn more at
azcensus2020.gov

    @azcensus2020

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Providing resources to support families of young kids at home and beyond

These are challenging times for families, especially those with young children, who are especially sensitive to situations causing stress in their environments and among their adult caregivers.

First Things First, Arizona's early childhood agency, is committed to providing parents and caregivers with information and resources to support families with young children as our communities continue to be impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

As families spend more time at home, FTF has rounded up some resources that remind parents that everyday moments matter most when it comes to young children's development. These include:

- Helping your child learn through play <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/learnthroughplay/>
- Boosting learning through active, outdoor play <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/first-things/active-outdoor-play-boosts-learning/>
- Building a love of math and science early <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/first-things/build-love-of-math-science-early/>
- Developing language and literacy skills <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/language-and-literacy/>

In addition, below are some resources to help you support your toddler or preschooler during the coronavirus health crisis. A top tip when talking with young children about any difficult situation? Keep it simple and age-appropriate. For example, "We're taking a break from playing with others so we can all stay healthy."

Birth to Five Helpline

The Birth to Five Helpline is a program of Southwest Human Development and is partially funded by First Things First. It is a free service available to all Arizona families and caregivers of young children.

Having someone to talk with or lend an empathetic ear is more important than ever, and the helpline's early childhood experts are available by phone, text or email to answer any parenting questions, from basic health and nutrition to how to handle challenging behaviors and more. Helpline specialists can also help you think about how to talk with children in an appropriate way about what is going on in our world and all you are doing to keep them and their families safe. Birth to Five Helpline specialists are available by phone/text at 877-705-KIDS (5437) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., or you can send a message online.

Talking to young kids about coronavirus

Our partners at ZERO TO THREE offer several excellent resources and tips for families, including

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Graham/Greenlee Region

age-appropriate responses to common questions and activities for young children while social distancing. <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3210-tips-for-families-coronavirus>

Sesame Street: Caring for Each Other

The early learning experts at Sesame Street know that children thrive with structure in their lives and learn best through play. This site provides content, resources and ideas to offer comfort and spark playful learning moments. <https://www.sesamestreet.org/caring>

PBS Kids for Parents

PBS Kids offers a wealth of helpful articles and videos, including, how to talk to your kids about coronavirus: (<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>) and how you and your kids can de-stress during coronavirus: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-you-and-your-kids-can-de-stress-during-coronavirus>.

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About First Things First – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide agency that funds early learning, family support and children preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

At Home with Arizona PBS



[Activities & Resources for Parents and Families](#)

Daniel Tiger digital storybook

Download "Daniel Misses Grandpere," a digital storybook to help children manage feelings of missing loved ones during social distancing, via PBS KIDS for Parents. [More >>](#)

Passport favorites now streaming to everyone

Arizona PBS is making some of your favorite programs that would otherwise be exclusive to Passport members, available to stream. New titles will become available each week. [More >>](#)

Peg & Cat" at-home activities

Join Jennifer Oxley, the co-creator of "Peg & Cat," [on Facebook](#) for virtual storytime. Plus, "Peg & Cat" can help your students put on a puppet show at home with these simple directions. [More >>](#)



- Increase employment opportunities
- We pay tuition and books
- Decrease college or technical cost

Gila Institute for Technology GIFT now registering for 2020-2021

Central Cohort Programs Offered

- Cosmetology • Drafting • Health Care Professions •
- Intro to Coding • Licensed Nursing Assistant •
- Medical Coding & Billing Specialist •
- Sports Medicine and Rehab Therapies • Welding

Individual Programs

- Autos • Computers • Early Childhood Education • EMT •
- Fab Lab Technician • Film & Video Production •
- Graphic Design • Industrial Electrician • Law Enforcement •
- Medical Assistant • Medical Lab Assistant • Pharmacy Technician •

Check out our website and apply at www.gift-tech.org
Contact your high school CTE Career Tech or High School
Counselor for more information OR call 928-348-3393

Who is Eligible?



- Serving 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in Graham and Greenlee Counties.
- Must meet the program entrance requirements.
- Anyone under the age of 21 without a GED or high school diploma is eligible.



G.I.F.T.

(Gila Institute for Technology)
Courses for 2020-2021
Apply Online

Here's How to Apply:

1. Go to GIFT website www.gift-tech.org
 2. Go to  button on the left side of the page above QUICK LINKS .
 3. Under **ADMISSION FORMS** there will be another  , click on **REGISTER** tab at the top right. Fill in your email and make a 15 to 18-character password. Confirm your 15 to 18 character password. Click **LOG IN**, you will now want to click the Apply Now blue tab. Start filling out your application.
 4. If returning to your application during the same school year, you will want to login using your user name and password. When logged in you will see all your previous information on the application, you will **ONLY** make changes where needed. Or print if you failed to print the first time.
 5. When you are finished with your application you **MUST** click the SUBMIT button. There you will see an application (3 pages) you **WILL** need to PRINT it out. (**Click 'shrink to fit' for all 3 pages to ensure all signature lines print**)
 6. **YOU** and **your parent/guardian WILL** need to sign at the bottom of the **3** pages.
 7. Bring the 3-page signed application to your **high school GIFT Career Tech/School Counselor** at your home school office. Please bring your driver's license or **birth certification (preferred)** or proof of citizenship. The GIFT Career Tech will make sure the counselor signs the application and provides GIFT with transcripts, attendance records, immunization records, and Accuplacer test scores.
 8. You will hear from GIFT in March 2020 if you have been accepted or not.
 9. If you have been accepted you will need to sign the acceptance letter and take it to your high school GIFT Career Tech or take it into the GIFT office located at 3998 W. Ball Park Street, Thatcher, AZ.
- Cosmetology- EACCA, (Hairstyling 1.5-year program or Nail Technician 1-year program)
 - Nursing I- Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) (1-year program)
 - Sports Medicine (2-year program)
 - Health Care Professions (Prerequisite to Lab Asst., Medical Asst., Pharmacy Tech)
 - Medical Lab Assistant (1-year program) (**Must be 18 to intern at the hospital**)
 - Computer Assisted Design & Drafting (CADD) (Can start as Sophomores or Juniors)
 - Welding (2-year program)
 - Individual Programs:
 - * Automotive Technician (2-year program)
 - * Early Childhood Education
 - * FAB Lab
 - * Graphic Design
 - * Law Enforcement Technology
 - * Media Communications
 - * Nursing II (LNA Required)
 - * Pharmacy Technician
 - * **Intro to Coding (Can start as Sophomores) New Program for 20-21**
 - * Medical Assistant (1-year program after completion of HCP)
 - * Nursing II (LNA Required)
 - * Pharmacy Technician
 - * **Intro to Coding (Can start as Sophomores) New Program for 20-21**

Dear Arizona Educators,

I hope this message finds you and your family well. Given state-wide school closures, I'm reaching out to let you know the Thomas R. Brown Foundation and the University of Arizona Office of Economic Education are ready to support you in continuing students' economics education remotely.

Below are links to resources that are well-suited to distance learning.

Also, we are prepared to offer assistance tailored to your specific needs. Please contact me directly at megan@trbfoundation.org for help assembling materials to send your students for particular economic concepts.

Scroll down for more!

Megan Kirts

Director, Educator Programs, Thomas R. Brown Foundation

Director, UA Office of Economic Education

General Econ Resources

- [Reffonomics](http://reffonomics.com/) - eTextbook <http://reffonomics.com/>
- [Voices on the Economy \(VOTE\)](http://www.thevotetextbook.org/) - eTextbook <http://www.thevotetextbook.org/>
- [Econlowdown](https://www.econlowdown.org/) - Free platform for online economics classes <https://www.econlowdown.org/>
- [Federal Reserve Education](https://www.federalreserveeducation.org/) - Lessons, videos, podcasts, and more- <https://www.federalreserveeducation.org/>
- [EconEdLink](https://www.econedlink.org/) - Lessons, videos, assessments, and more <https://www.econedlink.org/>
- [Next Gen Personal Finance](https://www.ngpf.org/) - Lessons, games, assessments (works very well with Google Classroom) <https://www.ngpf.org/>
- [Marginal Revolution University Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/teachecon/) for educators teaching economics online <https://www.facebook.com/groups/teachecon/>

Audiovisual Materials

- [Jacob Clifford's YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCQEbqDL8i40d83Au55IYMQ) - High School Economics Lessons <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCQEbqDL8i40d83Au55IYMQ>
- [Crash Course Economics](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ez10ADR_gM&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtPNZwz5_o_5uirJ8gQXnhEO) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ez10ADR_gM&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtPNZwz5_o_5uirJ8gQXnhEO
- [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org/economics-finance-domain) <https://www.khanacademy.org/economics-finance-domain>
- [Marginal Revolution University](https://www.youtube.com/user/MrUniversity) - YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/MrUniversity>
- [TED Talks](https://www.ted.com/topics/economics) - Related to Economics <https://www.ted.com/topics/economics>

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TEACHING THE NEW AZ ECONOMICS STANDARDS LIKE A PRO

Virtual PD Series

for Middle and High School Teachers

Monday-Friday, June 8-12, 2020

Online

This summer you can participate in a series of five no-fee 2.5-hour virtual professional development programs. Each installment in the series will target a different anchor standard for economics in the Arizona History and Social Science Standards.

Instructors will facilitate group discussion of each anchor standard, and highlight lesson plans and assessments suited to both in-person and online instruction. Educators must access the virtual session on a tablet, laptop, or computer with a microphone and camera. All participants will be given digital access to program materials and will be entered into a drawing to win additional instructional materials.

You may register for as many or as few of the five programs as suits your needs and schedule.

2.5 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS EACH

June 8, 2020 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Anchor 1: Personal Finance

[Register-Personal Finance](#)

June 9, 2020 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Anchor 2: Economic Foundations

[Register-Foundations](#)

June 10, 2020 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Anchor 3: Microeconomics

[Register-Microeconomics](#)

June 11, 2020 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Anchor 4: Macroeconomics

[Register-Macroeconomics](#)

June 12, 2020 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Anchor 5: Global Economics

[Register-Global Economics](#)

CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATORS VOTE: CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

Three consecutive Saturdays: June 6, 13, 20, 2020

Online [LEARN MORE OR REGISTER](#)

Join us for a three-day conference on how open-minded exploration of rival perspectives can spark solutions to our urgent economic problems. You will leave with presentations, activities, and lesson plans ready to use. This is the three-day foundational conference for the entire VOTE Series of nine further one-day topical workshops. No previous knowledge of economics is required. Applicable to all subject areas and all levels of educators from middle school through university.

Earn 18.0 Professional Development Hours.

The program and materials are provided **at no cost** to teachers.



The University of Arizona



UA Office of Economic Education & TRBF Present An Online Professional Development Program



SURVEY OF ARIZONA EDUCATORS

The Thomas R. Brown Foundation supports Arizona educators in developing their students' understanding of economic principles via free professional development workshop and materials for teachers. Please tell us about your priorities and preferences so we can offer professional development programs tailored to you! If you complete this brief survey by Sunday May 10 you can elect to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift certificate.

[SURVEY FOR K-6 EDUCATORS](#)

[SURVEY FOR GRADES 7-12 EDUCATORS](#)

The following link will take you to the University of Arizona and Thomas R. Brown Foundation's latest teacher resource newsletter. This issue lists free online resources prepared by the nation's most outstanding institutions, suitable for middle and high school Social Studies and Math teachers. They include resources for:

- Online summer p.d. workshops
- Using Covid 19 events to illustrate economic principles
- Teaching personal finance
- AP exam preparation
- Math resources for teachers, students, parents
- And more

Here's the link:

<https://mailchi.mp/brownfoundations.org/ua-trbf-newsletter>



2020 SUMMER TEACHER INSTITUTE MACROECONOMICS

A week-long institute for Middle & High School Teachers of
Civics, Government, World History, Social Studies, Economics, Business, Math
UA Office of Economic Education

Monday - Friday, June 8 - 12, 2020
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Rich content, practical classroom applicability, and high praise from past attendees distinguish this teacher institute.

Do you want to strengthen your own and your students' understanding of national and world events? Do you feel less than 100 percent confident in connecting your course content to these events?

If you answered yes to either question, you're in luck because this summer the University of Arizona's Office of Economic Education, in partnership with the Thomas R. Brown Foundation, is pleased to offer a no-fee, week-long macroeconomics program for teachers.

The Basics:

- Dates: Monday-Friday, June 8-12, 2020
- Hours: Class meets from 8:30-2:30 each day. Full attendance is required.
- PD Hours: Completing the five-day session earns a UA certificate for 30 professional development hours.
- We provide: Rich content, classroom activities, instructor, classroom, all resources, light breakfast, full lunch, and covered parking.
- Lodging: We have limited funds to assist with lodging for those who live outside Pima County.

This institute is FREE, but application is required

PROGRAM DETAILS & APPLICATION

An announcement from
the Office of Economic
Education
Department of
Economics

Institute Location:
University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona, 85721
Further detail upon admission

Made possible by a
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Thomas R. Brown
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Tucson, Arizona



Dear Staff Members,

Trying to understand all the possible ways to better manage your student loans is a daunting task. With their financial planning approach, the student loan Advisors at Fiducius help you navigate and determine your best option, including forgiveness, refinancing and consolidation. They may help you lower, or even eliminate, your student loan payment. Through your student loan savings, you can invest in yourself further with the help of American Fidelity.

Your education colleagues nationwide already working with Fiducius have reduced their monthly payments by an average of **84%** and are projected to receive an average of **\$72,338** in tax-free loan forgiveness.

It's easy to get started with this new benefit. You can determine your eligibility and potential savings in just a few minutes and then talk with an advisor on the phone at your convenience, by using the following link:

Visit [Graham County + Fiducius](#) to register

“Fiducius makes handling my student loans truly stress-free. Going through the process with them was easy and they did all the work for me. These days I’m able to focus more on my busy teaching and coaching schedule while celebrating my \$0 payment every month! Fiducius has been great and I continue to spread their life-changing message.” Jordan B., Teacher

Fiducius will fully educate you about all available options and provide a personalized Student Loan Financial Wellness Plan at no cost before you decide whether or not to use their services. As with other voluntary benefits, like life insurance, you only pay Fiducius when you choose to use their services.

We encourage you to take a step to improve your financial wellness and learn if Fiducius can help you better manage your student loans.

Questions, or trouble logging in? Call **1.513.645.5400**, [email](#) or visit their [website](#) for more information and success stories.

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Featured Lesson: Getting and Giving Help

Description: In this lesson students will learn to recognize community helpers and practice following and giving directions while using the ability to connect numbers with cardinality. Students will also have an opportunity to practice writing about community helpers.

Author: Diane Godfrey

Grade Range: K

Duration: 2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/Help>

Featured Lesson:**A Geographic Profile: The Health of Nations**

Description: In this lesson, students will use math to analyze demographics of a nation with the eventual goal of creating a span of nations reflecting their world health status.

Author: Michael Glenn

Grade Range: 6-7

Duration: 1 Class Period

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/177>

Featured Lesson:**Supermarket Sweeps**

Description: In this lesson students will gain a better understanding from where food products originate throughout regions of the United States. Students will then use their math skills to shop for grocery products from the various regions.

Author: Sara Jenkins

Grade Range: 5

Duration: 2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/supermarket>

Featured lesson:**Import Partners: A Lesson about International Trade on Items Found at Home**

Description: In this lesson, students will explore the concept of international trade partners. They will gather data and conduct an inquiry as to who are the trade partners that most impact them. Then they will create a map and a bar graph to show the results of the information collected.

Author: Rhonda Gonzalez

Grade: 7

Duration: 4-5 periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/771>

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Featured Lesson:**Spring Forward, Fall Back: What Time Is It?**

Description: In this lesson, students will learn to use a time zone map to calculate the time in various places in the world.

Author: Dennis Rees

Grade Range: 7

Duration: 2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/timezones>

Featured lesson:**What is it Like? Mapping My Neighborhood**

Description: In this lesson, students will become aware of their neighborhood by using their different senses. They will also be able to identify relative location, identify human features and perhaps some physical features as they construct a map of their neighborhood. This lesson contains strategies for diverse learners (ELLs).

Author: Patricia Sepp

Grade: 3

Duration: 2 class

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/HowDoI>

Online Resources:

Here is a great free Covid-19 3-day teaching module for social studies teachers. One day is a comparison with the Spanish Flu of 1917, another about the geographic diffusion of the current crisis, and a third day on globalization and economic impact. To access the full unit, go to: <https://www.worldhistoryde.org/COVID-19/> and click on the links.

Rosetta Stone is offering FREE 3-month subscriptions for kids to learn foreign languages!! There are lots of languages to choose from: from Latin American Spanish to critical languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish (the four MENA languages we focus on at CMES). Check it out at: <https://www.rosettastone.com/freeforstudents/>.

Pulitzer Center for International Journalism is holding a 2020 Fighting Words (Poetry in Response to Current Events) Poetry Contest for K-12 student. It would be a great reading/writing/social studies assignment - and kids can win cash prizes! For a lot more information, go to: https://pulitzercenter.org/builder/lesson/fighting-words-poetry-response-current-events-contest-and-workshop-24262?utm_source=email&utm_medium=educationnewsletter&utm_campaign=3182020. The deadline to enter is May 15.

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From MakerBot

Bring 3D printing to your school or classroom by using the MakerBot 2020 Grant Guide - whether for your classroom, library or entire school! This clickable guide is designed to make it easier for educators and administrators to find and secure valuable grants year-round. [Download the full version for free today!](#)

Included in the 2020 Grant Resource Guide:

40+ Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

10 Tips to Secure a Grant for your Classroom or School

10-Step Classroom 3D Printing Action Checklist

Free Teaching Guide: Bureau of Land Management

The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management's latest teaching guide provides middle school teachers with three activities to explore conflict and collaboration between emigrants and American Indians and trace historic trails. ([Read more](#))

Online Resources:

Our website: <https://geoalliance.asu.edu/>

We are here to help. While our website is considered a teacher resource containing over **300 lesson plans**. Most of these lesson plans have reading materials and maps. These can be easily downloaded and placed on your teacher website and assessed by students. The bottom line is that there are many learning opportunities involving social studies, reading, writing, and STEM skills and content on our website for you to use during this time of online learning.

We are currently updating the lesson plans with the latest AZ standards. We are about 2/3 of the way done. And many of these 300 lessons contain adaptations for diverse learners (ELLs). As you look through the lessons (they are searchable by grade level and topics), please let us know if you see errors. We really wish to have the best lessons for you. Take a look!

Maricopa School Superintendent Office has created an online forum for Maricopa County's 40,000 teachers to share their resources and experiences at forum.schoolsup.org. Visit the forum, register to post a new topic or comment, or just peruse the resources our peers are using in our challenging new environment.

There's are also lectures on different **world regions** (some do require Flash). These can also be used for student instruction as an online forum.

<https://www.asu.edu/courses/gcu600/GCU114/WorldGeography/>

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Pulse of the Planet: Calculating Sun Angles

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/171>

In this lesson, students will learn the basic reason behind the seasons using math to help explain relationships.

Online Resources:

- ASU has gathered together a bunch of resources and has launched a new site called ASU For You. Visit it here: <https://asuforyou.asu.edu/>
- ASU Center for Child Well-Being offers 'The Germ Fighter's Guide': a cute activities and puzzles book for young kids. Download the book here: Germ Fighter Activity Book [click here](#)
- NCGE is allowing everyone (member or not) access their weekly APHG Bell-ringers and 3-for-3 Questions. This includes access to archives.
<https://ncge.z2systems.com/np/clients/ncge/neonPage.jsp?pagelId=6&>
- ACEE is offering webinars for Economics education online resources. Check out their website.
<https://www.azecon.org/>
- Rosetta Stone for Students, is offering (3 months free) all kids the opportunity to learn another language: <https://www.rosettastone.com/freeforstudents/>
- Have your kids become a weather observer! <https://www.cocorahs.org/>
- Check out Seth Dixon's geography education page. He has a list of videos, podcasts, and TV shows <https://geographyeducation.org/2020/03/20/learning-from-home/>
- ASU also has a wonderful site with Virtual Field Trips, go explore from the safety of your house.
<https://vft.asu.edu/>
- Great resource from Indigenous educators. They have created a Facebook page to teach short K-8 lessons online. Find them on Facebook by typing @ThinkIndigenousOnlineEd in the search bar.
- Many resources from the National Park Service for digital and distance learning.
<https://www.nps.gov/teachers/index.htm>
- Geography Big Ideas

A fabulous online resource is available called Geographic Big Ideas. There are links to Presentations, Chapters, and Maps. The topics include the size of Russia, China's population density and the culture of South Asia. It is the product of Dr. Phil Gersmehl and Carol Gersmehl who are eager for teachers to use it and even give feedback. And they also have a little grant money for those interested in writing activities for the project.

Geographic Big Ideas can be found at <http://textbooks.wmisd.org/BigChapters.html>

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The **National Council for Geographic Education** is excited to partner with **iScore5** to help you prepare your students for the newly formatted 2020 APHG exam. Join Paul Gray, Greg Sherwin and Ken Keller as they go through strategies to help your students be successful on the "new" format FRQs they will see on this year's AP Human Geography exam. Tried and true test prep lesson plans and associated methods of teaching and review will be shared as well as new ideas to help students be BEST prepared. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mN-n67osSu27dbgON1minA

Arizona Historical Society: Got kids? Grandkids? Neighbor kids? Share your love of Arizona history with the young people in your life using these kid-friendly digital activities and downloads selected especially for you by our statewide team of Arizona history museum educators. Use these curated activities for home-school projects or as boredom busters. All are FREE and available NOW. During this time of social distancing and self-isolation, this is one thing you can happily share with family, friends, and teachers. Look for more kid-friendly digital resources, everything from curriculum guides to games, in the days and weeks to come on our new and ever-growing Arizona History Digital Hub. <https://arizonahistoricalsociety.org/education/arizona-history-digital-hub/>

Below are just a few of the items they sent out in their most recent email. Thank you AHS!

- Arizona State Facts: What's Arizona's official state butterfly? What's our state neck wear? Why does our flag have a copper star? The Office of the Governor has the answers to all these questions and more on their website. Recommended for: Elementary school. <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/arizona-facts>
- Gila Ben's Coloring Pages: Coloring pages with information about Arizona including state symbols, the state flag, and counties. Recommended for: Anyone who likes to color, but especially for elementary school. <https://gilaben.com/>
- ¡Loteria! Printable loteria cards and game board. Loteria is a Mexican board game, kind of like bingo. It is popular with young and young-at-heart alike! Recommended for: All ages. <https://www.enchantedlearning.com/lotto/spanish/>
- Native American Dolls: Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian has a lesson plan on different Native American dolls. In this lesson, kids will observe the photographs of different Native American dolls and compare and contrast the photographs. Recommended for: All grades. https://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/SiYC_Dolls.pdf
- Native Knowledge 360°: Lesson plans provided by the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian that explore different Native American histories. These include educational resources like videos, primary sources, and lesson plans. Recommended for: Varied grade levels. Use the grade search to find lessons that work for you. <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/resources.cshtml>

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Primary Sources: Look up primary documents related to Arizona Statehood on the State Library and Archives website or through the Arizona Memory Project. Recommended for: Middle school and high school. <https://azlibrary.gov/starl/statehood-docs>

Sonoran Desert Coloring Pages: Coloring pages featuring elements of the Sonoran Desert: animals, plants, landscapes, etc. Recommended for: Elementary school. <https://www.education.com/worksheets/coloring/?q=sonoran%20desert>

Through Our Parents' Eyes: Digital exhibits with primary and secondary source materials exploring the diversity of Southern Arizona: "Follow our stories, listen to our music, and explore our folk arts and foods." Recommended for: Upper-middle and high school students, also good for college students and adults. <https://parentseyes.arizona.edu/>

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Free Gift to Our Children!



Since 2001, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has put free books in the hands of young children across the nation. We now have an Imagination Library in our community. If you're a resident of Graham or Greenlee county, you can receive free books mailed to your home each month.

Who is Eligible?

Preschool children (birth until their fifth birthday) of Graham or Greenlee County.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Graham or Greenlee Counties.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (forms must be approved and on file with Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library) or [REGISTER ONLINE](#)
3. Notify Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address on the official registration form. If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address below in order to continue receiving books.
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue as long as the grant funding is available to the Safford Library. We hope that this is until your child turns five or you move out of Graham or Greenlee County.

QUESTIONS?

Contact our Imagination Library Coordinator @ (928) 432-4155. It sounds almost too good to be true! But by reading regularly to your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.

The Imagination Library Project is brought to you by First Things First (www.azffg.gov) and the Safford Friends of the Library.

Safford City-Graham County Library

What can the library do for you?

Online
Tutoring
through
Tutor.com

Library Tours
and
Field Trips



Research
Databases

Downloadable
ebooks and
audiobooks

For more information
call 928-432-4165 or visit
saffordlibrary.org





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PreK-12 Resources for Emergency Closings



PreK-12 Resources for Emergency Closings

As teachers, students, and families deal with school closures, PBS LearningMedia producers and educators have come together to curate a special collection of resources organized by grade and subject area. Find videos, lesson plans, and activities that support learning at home. Create a free account to save and organize content.

[Explore the Collection](#)

Distance Learning Tips From One Teacher to Another

Preparing for illnesses is always a difficult and serious affair, but it does give us an opportunity to think about how we can extend learning outside the walls of our classrooms and into the homes of our students.

[Read More](#)

Making Sense of Coronavirus Through Media and Storytelling

With many schools closing and teaching moving online, PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs has created a special unit that covers the basics of local community journalism, storytelling, scripting and video editing. These are tough times for everyone, and your stories will add a uniquely critical perspective to coronavirus coverage.

[View Resource](#)



[How To Talk To Little Learners About Coronavirus](#)

[Learn at Home With Printable Resources for Grades PK - 2](#)

[Click Here for Preschool - Kindergarten](#)

[Click Here for Kindergarten - 2nd Grade](#)

[View the Webinar Recording: Tips for Distance Learning with PBS LearningMedia](#)

Celebrate Spring with Elementary Education Resources from Nature Cat

Fred the house cat dreams of exploring the great outdoors. Once his family leaves for the day, Fred transforms into Nature Cat, "backyard explorer extraordinaire!"

Enjoy looking through these clips, story segments, interactives, and readers as you do your own exploring with the Nature Cat crew!

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Tips From a Teacher

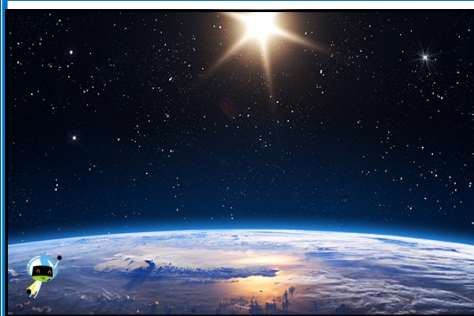
Do you have a favorite PBS LearningMedia resource? Share it with us on Twitter @PBSTeachers, and find out what other teachers recommend, with ideas for early-childhood educators, elementary, middle, and high school teachers.

[DISCOVER MORE](#)



Art School Classroom Toolkit

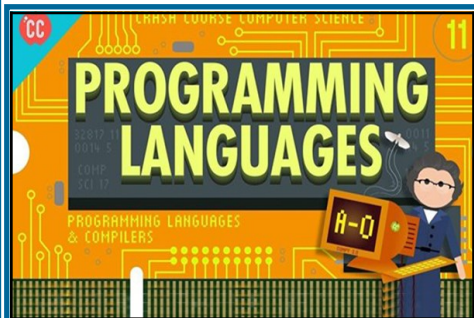
This art-themed collection provides resources for learning how to dance, draw comic strips, create animations, and much more. Empower students of all ages to engage with contemporary art, and discover new ideas for creativity with this collection of lesson plans, videos and interactive media. Art School [Classroom Toolkit](#)



Bringing the Universe to Your Classroom

Explore the universe with NASA and engage students in phenomena related to the science and engineering practices of the Next Generation Science Standards. Travel through the solar system with unique lessons designed for learners of all ages, K-12.

[Bringing the Universe to Your Classroom](#)



The Art of Coding: Computer Science Crash Course

Introduce high school students to computer science with this collection of Crash Course videos. Get familiar with binary code, boolean logic, CPU design and more in the form of 10 minute instructional videos.

[The Art of Coding: Computer Science Crash Course](#)



Schools are finding new and creative ways to teach the arts outside of the traditional school day. In this collection visit schools across Kentucky that are collaborating with artists in their community to offer arts instruction during after school programs and summer camps.

[After School Activities: Art Expression](#)



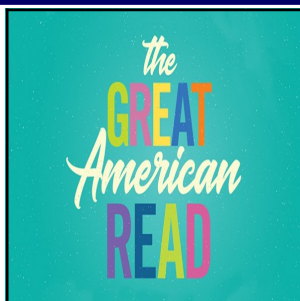
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Shakespeare Uncovered

Shakespeare Uncovered combines history, biography, iconic performances, new analysis, and the personal passions of its celebrated hosts to tell the stories behind the stories of Shakespeare's greatest plays.

[View Resources](#)



Bring America's Most Beloved Novels into Your Classroom

The Great American Read is an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading, told through the lens of America's 100 best-loved novels (as chosen in a national survey). It investigates how and why writers create their fictional worlds, how we as readers are affected by these stories, and what these 100 different books have to say about our diverse nation and our shared human experience.

[View the Collection](#)

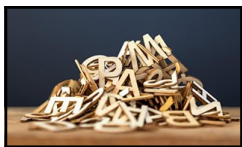


Learning to Read with Sesame Street

Help your little learners understand rhyming, spelling, the alphabet and more with these lesson plans, videos and interactive activities featuring their favorite Sesame Street characters.

[Learn More](#)

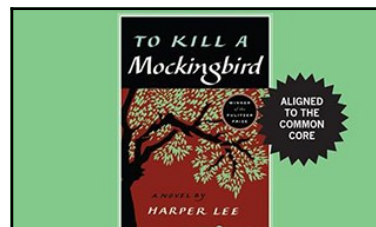
Check Out More!



[Let Poetry Flow: Inspiring Student Expression](#)



[Watch: Using the Correct Verb Tense](#)



[To Kill a Mockingbird Teachers Guide](#)

More Tools: Discover Ways You Can Use PBS LearningMedia to Support Distance Learning Today



Google Classroom Integration

Sync class rosters and assignments with our Google Classroom integration.



How To: Create Shareable Content Folders

Learn how you can easily create and share a folder of resources with students or colleagues.



Understanding Advanced Search and Browse Features

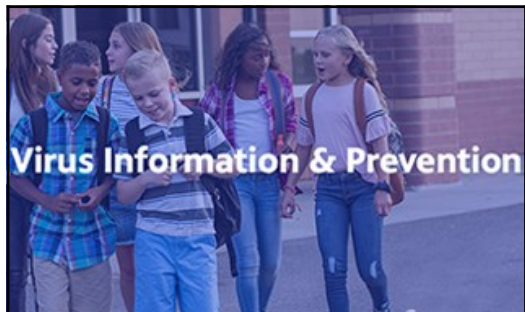
Find out how you can use PBS LearningMedia to find the perfect resources to enhance distance learning lessons.



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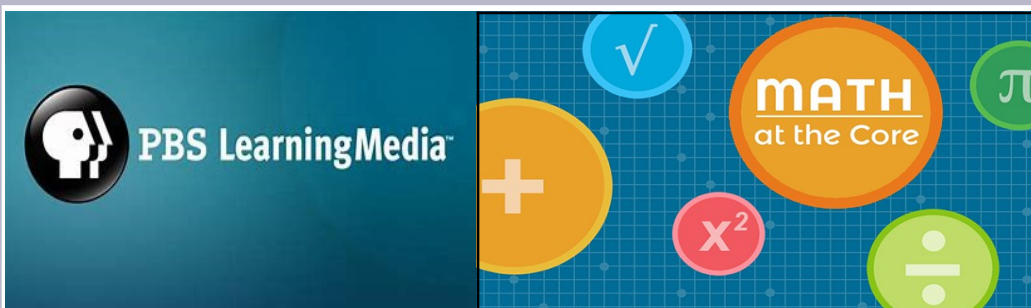
Remind Integration

Does your school use Remind? Find out how you can use Remind to share lessons and resources!



Virus Information and Prevention Collection

We've collected resources to help teach the science of how germs and viruses spread!



Middle School Math at the Core

Find engaging media and integrated activities, all aligned with the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics. These resources are designed for middle school students of diverse learning styles and backgrounds

[View the Collection](#)

Math in the Workforce

In a world where we have calculators and search engines, why is math still a necessary skill to have in many career paths? From fashion design to astrobiology, math is the backbone of many different careers, and this collection will show you exactly why. Being able to do math can mean being able to win a fencing match or saving someone's life.

[Learn More](#)

Everyday Math for Preschoolers

Children are never too young to learn math. As they explore their world, they are learning to count, discriminate shapes, sort objects, and see patterns. The Everyday Math for Preschoolers collection aims to help young children develop positive beliefs about themselves as mathematicians and create a foundation for success in school.

[View Resources](#)

Teaching Algebra with Cyberchase

Cyberchase is the Emmy award-winning animated math mystery show featuring a team of curious kids who use their math and problem-solving skills to outwit and outsmart the villain Hacker, in their quest to save Cyberspace. Help your students master algebra with these lesson plans, videos, and interactive activities.

[View Resources](#)

2020 AEF Arizona State Spelling Bee Postponed

It is with a heavy heart that the Arizona Educational Foundation announces the postponement of the Arizona State Spelling Bee. We have closely been monitoring and evaluating the situation around COVID-19 to ensure we are taking the necessary measures to protect the health and well-being of students and their families. As a result, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the Arizona State Spelling Bee originally scheduled for March 21st, 2020.

At this time, we do not have a new date selected for the State Spelling Bee. In the event we determine it is safe to reschedule, a notification will be issued immediately.



Strategies to Build Engaging Digital Lessons for High School Students

As you work to transition from your classroom to distance learning, use these tips and tricks on clarity, choice, and engagement to keep things simple for your students over the coming weeks and months.

[Read More](#)

Home Sweet Home: Finding Life Beyond Earth

Spending a lot of time at home lately? Home – whether your house or your planet – is usually a place that meets all of the conditions for life: providing water, air, food, and shelter. Which leads us to wonder, what other worlds out there might be suitable for undiscovered forms of life? This resource explores questions at the heart of the search for extraterrestrial life, such as "What is life?" and "Where do we find habitable conditions?" [View Lesson Plan](#)



READ: 5 Virtual Ways to Build a Classroom Community



WATCH: Seasonal Science - Pine Pollen



ENROLL: Designing Early Childhood Classrooms for Social-Emotional Learning (FREE self paced virtual course)



American Portrait: Who Are We?

From literature, to the engineering process, to media instruction and the arts, educators will be introduced to subject matter experts, storytellers and artists. Dive into this series in hopes of answering the quintessential question: who are we?

Designed for teachers with students in grades 6 - 12.

[Register Now](#)



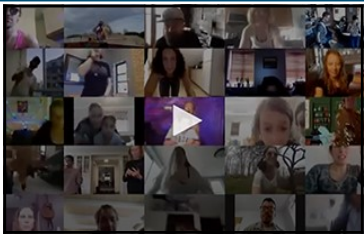
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Come Together During Crisis With StoryCorps Connect

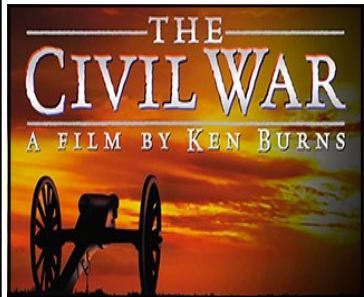
StoryCorps Connect is a first-of-its-kind platform that allows Americans to conduct and record StoryCorps interviews with loved ones remotely using video conference technology. Each interview becomes part of American history in the StoryCorps archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. [Share Your Story](#)



Managing and Expressing Feelings with Little Learners



Social Dis-Dancing? Lessons of Empathy and Uplift From COVID-19



Ken Burns: The Civil War - Full Film Now Available

Travel Through Time With American Experience

Introduce your students to incredible characters and epic stories that have shaped America's past and present. Discover this country's rich history in this collection of media-based resources from the series. [Explore the Collection](#)

Online Resources to Help Students Prepare for the AP US History Exam

Discover engaging resources that will help your students supplement their DBQ and earn those "outside evidence" points. If there was ever a group of individuals who could contextualize our current moment and help students make sense of its meaning, it would be history teachers!

[View Resource](#)

Rural Activation and Innovation Network



RAIN STEM

Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

STEM Grants!

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an “extra-curricular”, weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers and Community STEM Educators:

Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) of Graham & Greenlee County can help!

Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.

For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: 4azrain.org

[Hover over “Rural Innovation Councils” and Click on “Graham/Greenlee Counties”](#)

Please forward your grant awards and we will publish them in this newsletter.

United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

Education Grant Opportunities

Goal Statement:

The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

Objectives:

Improving school readiness for every child

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

Increasing student access to quality transitional programs

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21st Century challenges.

Partnerships:

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

LIVE UNITED



United Way of Graham
& Greenlee Counties

Apply Now!

Visit the United Way website at grahamgreenleeunited.org

Click on "Grant Application."

For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc—
pleblanc@aznex.net

Editor-Grant writing tips and protocol: Please gather all of your data and make sure have refined the "ask." Clear, concise language matters, and by all means, don't wait until the last minute to start working on a grant! Especially if you ask others for help with editing, etc. You want it to shine and anything rushed just adds stress and allows for mistakes.

They Did It!

United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties—Schools

1. 50,000 for the after-school technology program at SUSD
2. 17,570 for the program “helping our children grow” that is in partnership with Our Neighbors Farm and Pantry and SUSD.
3. 5,560 for Alexandria Osteen’s SPED classrooms chromebooks: DSS
4. 35,000 Ft Thomas I-Ready programs
5. 18,000 Ft Thomas Classroom Virtually Reality program
6. 21,950 for the support of Safford H.S. Link Crew Program
7. 45,000 to support Thatcher Jack Daley Primary school library
8. 28,450 to Bonita school district for their track being resurfaced: Ed Houser
9. 20,514 to support Chip Cheney Piano Lab at Safford H.S.
10. 16,310 to support Morenci H.S. Robotics and Drone program. Ted Tiefel
11. 6,000 to Morenci school for their health and wellness classroom program (Carleen Salazar)
12. WEB funding for Safford Middle School

Community, education-based grants awarded by the UW of Graham and Greenlee Counties

1. \$40,000 for Summer Education and Recreation at the Boys and Girls Club of the GV
2. \$24,480 for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation through First Things First
3. \$48,139.93 for Supporting and Sustaining Teachers through professional development and support for the Graham County School Superintendent’s Office
4. \$92,000 for the United Way scholarship program at EAC

Making It Happen Award

The Making IT Happen award honors outstanding educators and leaders who are committed to transforming education through innovative technology integration. This internationally recognized program identifies visionaries around the world who cultivate connected, empowered learners in all schools. The International Society for Technology in Education, ISTE, and its affiliates have presented this award to more than 600 worthy leaders since the program began in 1995.

This award celebrates something that’s very important — those innovators who demonstrate extraordinary commitment, leadership, courage and persistence in improving learning opportunities for students. These are people who:

1. Apply available technology now
2. Move forward and don't look back
3. See students as real people
4. Teach through relationships, inspiring, encouraging and nurturing
5. Recognize that further change is necessary, but understand that it is a process
6. Realize that teacher empowerment is the key element to technology integration
7. Expect success
8. Motivate through awareness and access to information

Click Here:[2020 Making IT Happen Nomination Form](#) or go to: bit.ly/2020MIH

Grant opportunities

United For Our Counties COVID-19 Fund

United with our nonprofit partners, local foundations, businesses, media and educational organizations, we have launched the United for our Counties COVID-19 Fund to identify and support the emerging and fast-changing needs of health and human services organizations, faith based, county and city agencies, and the individuals and families they serve.

The Fund is designed to complement the work of regional public health officials and expand local capacity to address the outbreak as efficiently as possible and will provide support to areas of the highest needs in our community. It is designed to adapt for the most pressing needs in our two-county region as they evolve in real time. Your community needs funding that is available and strive to meet a fast-changing environment that health and human service organizations are facing right now.

Agencies Seeking Funding

Funding will be available for nonprofits, faith-based organizations, county and city agencies providing immediate response to meet basic needs of those impacted by COVID-19. Your agency must be in good standing with the State of Arizona. Your agency must serve clients from either Graham or Greenlee Counties.

[Click Here for Application](#) Please forward fund applications to the attention of Adam O'Doherty (adam.odoherty@uwggc.com) or Shaylee Richards

No Kid Hungry Coronavirus Grant

Who: Non-profit groups and schools

Amount: Not specified

Deadline: Open

Emergency grants to support local school districts and nonprofit organizations in their efforts to ensure kids get the nutritious food they need.

<https://www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus-grant-request>

Arizona Community Foundation COVID-19 Community Response Fund

Who: Non-profit groups and schools

Amount: Not specified

Deadline: Open

To provide immediate relief to nonprofit organizations in Arizona facing an increased demand for services as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak

<https://www.azfoundation.org/GrantsLoans/COVID-19ResourcesforNonprofits.aspx>

Grant opportunities

Shell Oil Company Educational Grants

Who: K-12 and college level public, private, charter schools

Amount: Awards vary Deadline: Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students' mathematics and science skills.

<http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9lbnZpcm9ubWVudC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw>

KaBOOM! Let's Play Rigamajig Grants

Who: Schools, non-profits

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: Rolling basis throughout year

To build playgrounds for children to help them to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. Supports community-inspired projects in all aspects of project planning and playground build execution. Provides a collection of wooden planks, wheels, pulleys, nuts, bolts, and rope designed to encourage children to follow their curiosity while playing.

https://kaboom.org/grants/creative_play

Toshiba America Foundation K-12 Science and Math Educators Grants

Who: K-12 Teachers in public and private schools

Amount: \$5,000 - \$10,000

Deadline: If \$5,000 or less: Grades K-5 Oct. 1; Grades 6-12 June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1; if >\$5,000: Nov. 1

For projects ideas and materials teachers need to innovate in their Science, technology, engineering and math classrooms. TAF is interested in funding innovative projects designed by teachers or small teams of teachers for use in their own schools and classroom.

Del E. Webb Foundation Life Skills Grants

Who: K-12 schools and non-profit groups

Amount: \$5,000 and up

Deadline: Jun. 16, Sept. 15, Dec. 8

For life-skills projects on child, youth, and health initiatives. Priority is given to those that diagram a pathway to self-sufficiency, results-based programs that will impact the future of society by allowing it to reach its maximum potential.

<https://dewf.net/DEWForg/HowToApply0.html>

Grant opportunities

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need.

DonorsChoose

Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank you from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to Donors Choose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org.

Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

NEA Foundation—Student Achievement Grants

Amount: \$2,000—\$5,000

Who may apply: Public school preK-12 teachers

Deadline: Open

Description: For programs designed to improve the academic achievement of students, for a plan that fosters critical thinking and problem solving in students and aims to expand their comprehension of various subjects; may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and technology.

Link: <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-achievement-grants/>

Education Theatre Foundation—Linda P. Wise Grant for Theatre Educators

Amount: \$2,500 and up

Who may apply: Teachers in school theatre programs

Deadline: Open

Description: To fund programs to enhance productions and technical theatre capacity for performances at a middle or high school.

Link: <https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags/grants>

Tuition Assistance for National Guard

Governor Ducey announced a new tuition assistance program for members of the U.S. National Guard. This funding will have the potential to help hundreds of eligible National Guard members achieve their postsecondary education goals.

Grant opportunities

AZEdNews Classroom Grants for Arizona Teachers

Amount: \$200 each

Deadline: Awarded quarterly Sept., Dec., Feb., and April

To reward teachers for programs that enhance classroom learning. Describe how your initiative or program impacts student achievement and how it reflects the priorities of the governing board and district.

<https://azednews.com/apply-for-an-azednews-classroom-grant/>

Wish You Well Foundation Seize the Words

Who: K-12 public schools

Amount: \$200 - \$10,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Support for fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs, like adult literacy, workforce development, computer literacy, GED preparation, ESL skills, etc.

<https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/>

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

DAR Special Projects Historic Preservation Grants

Who: K-12 Districts and non-profit organizations supporting historic preservation

Amount: Average \$1,000 - \$2,000 (max \$10,000)

Deadline: Annually by Dec. 31

To provide financial support to projects that promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Smaller grants are encouraged (flag poles, historic programs and markers, etc.)

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/dar-historic-preservation-grants>

Home Depot Community Impact Grants

Who: Non-profit organizations including schools

Amount: Up to \$5,000 (awarded in Home Depot gift cards)

Deadline: Annually by Dec. 31st

To support projects that use the power of volunteers to improve their communities (e.g., playgrounds, facilities improvements, gardens)

<https://www.thenorthface.com/about-us/outdoor-exploration/explore-fund.html>

For more guidance for schools regarding the COVID-19 closures, please go to the Arizona Department of Education's website at:

www.azed.gov

Grant opportunities

Bridgestone Americans Trust Fund—Education, Youth and Development Grants

Who: All schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Include expanding K-12 music education and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>

Verizon Foundation Education Grants

Who: Public and charter PreK—12 schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Supports STEM education activities such as summer or after-school programs, teacher training, and research on improving learning in STEM areas through use of technology.

<https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/grant-requirements>

Lockheed Martin Corporation—STEM Education Outreach

Who: Public and charter PreK-12 schools, colleges, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

To support STEM education outreach activities for K-grade 16 students programs, events, and campaigns that focus on student achievement, teacher development, and gender and ethnic diversity.

<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/applying-for-contributions.html>

Saxena Foundation STEM Grants

Who: All K-12 schools, non-profits

Amount: \$5,000 and up

Deadline: Awarded year-round

For initiatives that promote STEM education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. <http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>

Arizona State Museum

K-12 School Programs

[CLICK HERE](#) for details, pricing and to schedule your visit

Grant opportunities

Target Corporate - Target Field Trip Grants

Who may apply: Education professionals in K-12 public, private, charter schools and non-profits

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students' mathematics and science skills. Also funds at vocational and technical schools where chemical and refinery operators and technicians are trained.

<http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9lbnZpcm9ubWVudC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw>

Nora Roberts Foundation

Who: Schools and non-profits

Amount: Varying awards with average \$5,000

Deadline: June 1, Oct. 1

Grants in the areas of literacy, children's programs, arts, and humanitarian efforts. Literacy Grants are intended to empower people through literacy. Recent grants were used to fund literacy groups, theatre and arts education, new library projects, and humane education programs.

<http://norarobertsfoundation.org/applicants.php>

Tuition Assistance for National Guard

Governor Ducey announced a **new tuition assistance program** for members of the U.S. National Guard. This funding will have the potential to help hundreds of eligible National Guard members achieve their postsecondary education goals.

Corning Inc. Foundation Grants

Who: K-12 Districts and non-profit organizations supporting youth

Amount: Not specified

Open Feb 15, 2020 – Oct 15, 2020

For STEM and STEAM curricula as well as workforce development programs that lead to productive career paths for young adults. Includes exposing K-12 students to STEM-related experiences and hands-on activities. Encourages the integration of the arts into STEM curricula.

<http://www.corningfoundation.org/how-we-give/how-we-give-grants/>

Grant opportunities

Amgen Foundation Education Grants

Who: K-12 public and private schools, higher education

Amount: Average of \$10,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Science Education funding for science literacy with priority consideration for teacher quality and professional development in math and science as well as support for programs that provide students and teachers with opportunities for hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiments.

<https://www.amgen.com/responsibility/grants-and-giving/amgen-foundation-grants/>

Michael and Susan Dell Foundation Urban Education Grants

Who: K-12 public and private schools

Amount: \$10,000 and up

Deadline: Ongoing

To close economic gap, improve student performance and increase graduation rates among affected students, funding is for performance-driven education, college preparation and completion, human capital (educator and school leader training), quality school options, and academic and after-school programs.

<https://www.msdf.org/apply/>

Dollar General Youth Literacy Foundation Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants

Who: K-12 public and private schools, public libraries, non-profit education groups

Amount: Up to \$4,000 each

Deadline: May 21, 2020

To help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. To assist in • Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs. • Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives. • Purchasing books, materials, or software for literacy programs.

<https://www.dgliteracy.org/#youth-literacy-grants>

SC Johnson Grants

Who: Schools libraries, and non-profit groups

Amount: Open

Deadline: Rolling

Supports requests that are regional or national in scope. Grants in the areas of arts, culture, and humanities; community and economic development; education; health and wellness; social services; and environment and sustainability. Education Grants include support for programs that emphasize student academic achievement, with a focus on academic enrichment and advancement, early childhood, and kindergarten through grade 12 education; postsecondary institutions; and technical and vocational schools.

<https://www.scjohnson.com/en/our-purpose/social-responsibility-news/community-and-economic-development/sc-johnson-grants-and-product-donations-help-make-our-communities-better>

From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

How it works:

- ♦ A citizen can text GRAHAMTIP to 79516 and type the message they want to submit.
- ♦ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- ♦ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- ♦ There is no caller ID on your message.
- ♦ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- ♦ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or showell@graham.az.gov.

Teen Vaping

On December 31, 2018 the Arizona Department of Health Services launched a vape prevention campaign called "Facts Over Flavor" geared toward Arizona youth ages 9 to 13. The goal of the Facts over Flavor campaign is to prevent the initiation of vape use among Arizona youth.

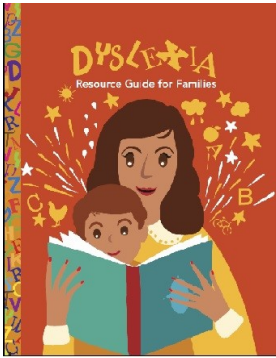
This web site can be found at this address: <https://factsoverflavor.com/>

Information from Child Mind Institute and Arizona Department of Health Services



Wildlife Education Update on upcoming wildlife education programs

The school year may be more than half over. But that doesn't mean that our professional development is wrapping up. We are very pleased to announced a number of new training opportunities designed just for Arizona educators! Check them out below or visit our [education website](#). But hurry: space is limited!



Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families Now Available!

Download and share the Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families, a new, parent-friendly resource for families with children 0-12 who want to learn more about dyslexia, what dyslexia might look like in their child and what they can do to support their child if they have dyslexia. [Download the free pdf here.](#) Read On Arizona extends our sincere appreciation to The Burton Family Foundation for its generous support of the printing and outreach of the *Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families*.



Attainment State Platform

As an organization, Achieve60AZ exists to ensure that attainment is at the top of mind for leaders in our government, economic development, and educational spectrum. The Attainment State Platform has the key areas of focus as we make thoughtful decisions to move in the direction of 60% attainment.

What is Achieve60AZ?

Workforce and Business Development

1. Attract businesses to Arizona with well-educated and highly skilled workers and jobs
2. Promote businesses with proven success in fostering certificates and degrees among employees
3. Develop and expand partnerships between industry and educational providers to align current and future workforce needs

Postsecondary Access and Success

1. Work collaboratively to address barriers to credential and degree completion through policies and innovation
2. Ensure pathways and options for education beyond high school are available to all
3. Champion strategies to make postsecondary educational options more affordable

Early Childhood through High School

1. Emphasize high school graduation and promote best practices for certificate, college and career readiness
2. Support students through a pathway process to certificates, college and career

Systems and Structures

1. Utilize metrics and data systems to support thoughtful partnerships and collaboration in pursuit of the 60% post high school attainment goal
2. Increase public awareness about the options and value of pathways for education beyond high school

Who will help
me become
the man
I want to be?



**When you foster a teen,
you won't just change their life...**
they'll change yours forever.

Teens need families. Thousands of teens in foster care are looking for the support and encouragement that families provide — not just until they turn 18.

Help a teen reach their full potential. Become a foster parent.

www.TeensNeedYou.org



1.866.329.2312
www.ArizonasChildren.org
FosterTeens@arizonaschildren.org

In collaboration with:



What's New In SECC? Help a Foster Child



Help a Foster Child

Did you know that a child enters foster care every two minutes in the U.S.?

Did you know that more than 14,000 children live in the Arizona state foster care system?

Did you know that every year more than 800 children "age out" of the system when they turn 18 without finding a forever family?

Young people who age out of the foster care system have a higher chance of experiencing unemployment, homelessness and incarceration as adults.

- 1 out of 5 become homeless
- 1 out of 4 become incarcerated
- 33 percent graduate from high school and only 3 percent will ever go to college.

It is easier than ever to help a foster child. Several SECC charities qualify for the AZ Foster Care tax credit program! For information or to make your pledge [click here](#).

(Statistics provided by the DCS Quarterly Benchmark Progress Report, and from Hope & a Future.)

Did you know 

your SECC contribution
can cost you **NOTHING?**

There are 13 SECC charities that ALSO
qualify for the **AZ FOSTER CARE TAX
CREDIT PROGRAM**. We've listed them
here for your reference.

(Talk to your tax advisor about claiming
donations - \$500 filing single, \$1,000 filing
jointly - to these organizations as a tax credit.)

**SECC CHARITIES THAT QUALIFY
FOR THE AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT:**

- Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
- Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation
- Arizona Helping Hands • ASA Now • Aviva Children's Services
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Foster Children
- Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc.
- Child Crisis Arizona • Christian Family Care
- Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona
- GAP Ministries • More Than A Bed • Streetlight USA

Arizona Educational Acronyms Courtesy of the Yavapai County Education Service Agency (continued from last month)

L

LT- Leadership Team

LOA – Letter of Agency, used for eRate

M

MD - Multiple Disabilities

MET - Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team

MID - Mild Intellectual Disability

MOID - Moderate Intellectual Disability

MOU- Memorandum of Understanding

N

NAEP- National Assessment of Educational Progress

NACO –National Association of Counties

NASBE- National Association of State Boards of Education

NAU – Northern Arizona University

NCLB- No Child Left Behind

NCLS – National Conference of State Legislators

NEA- National Education Association

O

OCR - Office of Civil Rights (of US Department of Education)

OELAS – Office of English Language Acquisition Services

OHI - Other Health Impaired

OI - Orthopedic Impairments

OJT - On-the-Job Training

OSEP - Office of Special Education Programs

OSERS - Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

OT - Occupational Therapy/Therapist

P

PCP - Person Centered Plan